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Tier 2 Consultation Meeting Minutes

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Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)
Kane County Conference Room
Suite 800, 233 S. Wacker Drive, Sears Tower, Chicago, Illinois

Participants:	Patricia Berry	CMAP
	Brian Carlson	IDOT District One
	Chris DiPalma	FHWA
	Teri Dixon	CMAP
	Doug Ferguson	CMAP
	Chalen Hunter	McHenry County
	George Johnson	CMAP
	Don Kopec	CMAP
	Michael Leslie	USEPA
	Tom Murtha	CMAP
	Les Nunes	IDOT OP&P
	Hugh O'Hara	WCGL
	Holly Ostdick	CMAP
	Ross Patronskey	CMAP
	Mark Pitstick	RTA
	Chad Riddle	IDOT District One
	David Seglin	CDOT
	Ashley Settles	FHWA
	Gordon Smith	CMAP
	Jim Stack	IDOT OP&P
	Joel Stauber	CAC-CMAP
	Mike Walczak	NWMC
	Kermit Wies	CMAP
	Erin Willrett	Kane County

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – November 27, 2007

A motion to approve the minutes of the November 27, 2007 meeting, as presented (2nd

Draft), was made. The motion carried unanimously.

4.0 TIP Change and Project Grouping Procedures

CMAP staff distributed copies of draft changes to the TIP Change and Project Grouping Procedures document. Ms. Berry began a review of the document. Mr. DiPalma stated that there was not enough time to review the proposed changes before making comments.

A brief discussion was had on item 3 of the Actions Requiring Transportation Committee Approval. The item states that any "line item additions, changes and/or deletions, the sum of which will change a project's total cost by the greater of 50 percent or \$50,000,000 (major change)." Mr. Kopec acknowledged that the number was reached out of an analysis of all not-exempt projects in the TIP and the analysis showed a wide range of costs from \$50,000 to \$500,000,000. A suggestion was made that item 3 should replace "greater" with "lesser".

Mr. Seglin raised a concern over the hypothetical situation of an increase in material cost causing a 50% increase in total costs which would call for a TIP amendment. Mr. DiPalma replied that an amendment may be needed to identify the additional funding since there are finite resources available. Mr. Seglin stated that CDOT has a problem with that and asked who defines what constitutes a major cost. Mr. DiPalma replied that the Policy Committee would with the guidance of FHWA/FTA.

The issue of public involvement was raised by Mr. Stauber. Ms. Berry stated that the public comment for an amendment not requiring a conformity analysis is proposed to be from the time the TIP change attachment is posted to the date of the CMAP Transportation Committee meeting. Concerns were raised about whether that was enough time to make the public aware of TIP amendments. Mr. Kopec stated that we are not doing anything out of the public eye. Ms. Berry stated project implementers follow the NEPA process and all have their own public participation requirements which they fulfill. Additionally, CMAP consistently recommends that the public get involved with the projects early in the process. One of the most valuable pieces in the TIP Brochure is the identification of agency contacts, where the public has an avenue for early input.

Ms. Berry stated that a new addition to the TIP change procedures is being able to restore exempt projects.

Mr. Patronskey gave an update on the consultant's work on updating the TIP database. He described two phases. The first phase is to change the interface of the TIP and the underlying data tables. The second is to move the reporting functions to the new interface and to create the ability to do active program management and obligation reports directly from the database.

CMAP staff is to distribute the word document of revised TIP Change and Project Grouping procedures to the team and request comments be returned by Thursday.

5.0 TIP Change and TIP Amendment

The Tollway has indicated that they plan to move forward on an add-lanes project on I-355 North-South Tollway from 55th Street to 75th Street. The project is currently not in the TIP or the RTP. The project will be brought to the attention of Policy Committee at their January 10 2008 meeting requesting approval to have the Transportation Committee release for public comment the amendments to the TIP and RTP along with conformity analysis for the project.

6.0 Other Business

Mr. Nunes brought to the team's attention the pending federal energy bill, HR6. It will raise CAFÉ fuel standards from 25 to 35 miles per gallon and call for rescissions to be applied proportionally to the apportionments across programs.

7.0 Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Consultation team was left on call.

8.0 Adjournment